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PERSONALS

BISHOP & MRS. EDIN F. LEE sailed from Singapore January 31st on the "Gneisenau" for the Philippines where they expect to spend the month of February. They plan to sail from Manila March 2 on the "Empress of Japan" which is expected to arrive in Seattle March 24.

Bishop Lee is to preside at the session of the Philippine Islands Annual Conference which assembles in Manila February 12, and upon the completion of that conference will organize an additional conference the name of which will be the "Philippine North Conference;" this is made necessary because of the rapid growth of our mission work in the Philippines. The reports in February 1935 gave a total of 84,000 members.

The Lees will be in attendance upon the General Conference in Columbus, Ohio, during the month of May. While in America they may be addressed in care of the Methodist Mission Board, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

MR. T. W. HINCH, Principal of the Anglo-Chinese School, Singapore, sails for England on home leave March 4th from Singapore by the s.s. "Memnon".

REV. & MRS. PAUL H. SCHMUCKER and son JAMES PAUL are sailing from Singapore for furlough by the s.s. "Potsdam" April 1st to Hongkong and then by the s.s. "President Lincoln" to San Francisco.

REV. R. L. ARCHER, Superintendent of the Singapore District and Malaya's Ministerial Delegate to General Conference sails for America March 22nd by the s.s. "Hakusan Maru". From Hongkong Dr. Archer will sail on the s.s. "President Jackson" for Seattle.

REV. & MRS. EGON OSTROM and son DAVID of Medan, Sumatra, are sailing on home leave from Penang April 16th by the Swedish East Asiatic Line, s.s. "Canton". The Ostroms are planning to spend several months in Sweden visiting friends and churches, speaking on behalf of their work in Sumatra. Mr. Ostrom was elected delegate from Sumatra to the World's Sunday School Association to be held in Oslo in July.

REV. & MRS. N. T. GOTTSCHALL are now stationed at Waveland, Indiana, where Mr. Gottschall is pastor of the Methodist Church. Mr. Gottschall was elected the representative of the Sumatra Mission Conference to General Conference.

REV. & MRS. H. F. Kuehn of Seremban are sailing for home leave February 27th from Singapore on the B.I. boat to Calcutta. From India they will take the P. & O. to Europe.

MR. & MRS. L. B. JENKINS and daughter MARIEL are sailing February 14th from Seattle for Singapore on the s.s. "Heian Maru". The Jenkins will proceed to Telok Anson where they are appointed to succeed the Pattersons.

REV. & MRS. W. S. REINOEHL of Singapore announce the birth of a daughter ANN MYRTLE born January 10th. The Reinoehls are leaving for furlough sailing from Singapore on the s.s. "Tenikuni Maru" March 6th for Hongkong. They are planning to be back in Malaya within a year. Mail may be addressed to them in America care of Mr. J. S. Reinoehl 60 South Sierra Bonita Avenue, Pasedena, Calif.

MISS ESTHER KLAUS after completing her work at the H.B.S. Medan, now joins the staff of the Methodist Boy's School, Medan, as teacher of the Dutch language.

MR. MUARA L. TOBING, graduate of Raffles College, previously of the M.B.S. staff Medan and during the last few years Cambridge teacher of the A. C. Continuation School, Singapore, has joined the staff of the M.B.S., Palembang, Sumatra. The Editor of the Malaysia Message trusts that Mr. Tobing will serve as Sumatra Correspondent and Sub-Editor for the School Page. We extend to Mr. Tobing our best wishes for success in his new field of labour.

MISS GERTRUDE OWEN, General Secretary of the Y.W.C.A., Malaya, has been honoured by the King in the New Year's Lists with the order of the M.B.E. It is particularly gratifying to know that Miss Owen's services have been so significantly recognized. The Singapore Y.W.C.A. has recently celebrated its 60th anniversary. The present secretaries of the Y.W.C.A. in Singapore are Miss Florence Pierce, Miss Drusilla Burgess and Miss Mary Chen. We extend our heartiest congratulations to Miss Owen and to the Y.W.C.A. for having received this recent honour.

MR. & MRS. THIO GEK CHOO announce the birth of a son GIM SIEW born in Singapore January 12th. Mr. Thio is Secretary of the Anti-Opium Clinic.

MR. LEE CHOON ENG, B.A. formerly of the A.C.S. staff Cairnhill Road, Singapore, has been appointed headmaster of the A.C. Middle School. He succeeds the Rev. W. S. Reinoehl who goes on furlough in March.

Kuala Lumpur

DR. & MRS. H. M. SOO of Kuala Lumpur announce the birth of a son, SOO YAT HENG, on December 31st.

MRS. LETTIE HUSTON has become a member of the teaching staff of the M.G.S. Kuala Lumpur.

MR. LIM CHIN KENG, MR. QUAH POH TATT and MR. TOH HENG KEI have been transfered to the M.B.S. staff, Kuala Lumpur.

REV. & MRS. N. G. MANICKAM were entertained at a farewell party given by the Ladies Aid Society at the Sentul Church on January 18th, prior to their departure on transfer to Taiping. Rev. P. L. Peach, M.A. presiding and the guests of honour were garlanded before the group photo was taken. Mr. B. A. Barnabas in an appropriate speech summarised Rev. & Mrs. Manickam's fine service record at Sentul extending over 3 years. Mrs. T. Ramachandram the President of the Ladies Aid Society read an address, then Mrs. S. T. Dorai presented Mrs. Manickam with a gold wrist watch. Messrs. J. W. David, A. G. Solomon, K. S. Arulprahasam, E. A. Samuel, B. K. Sundram and Mrs. David also spoke most warmly of Rev. Manickam's achievements and popularity and extended hearty good wishes to the Manickams as they leave for Taiping.

MR. & MRS. ROWLAND LYNE, and MRS. H. STUART DUNCAN and daughter LILLIAN, are sailing on home leave February 28th from Singapore on the s.s. "Cathay".

MRS. R. H. YOUNG, wife of Mr. R. H. Young of Wesley Church, Singapore, died on January 2nd in Singapore at the age of 75 after about 12 years of illness. Mrs. Young was buried in the Bidadari Cemetery on the 3rd January. Mrs. Young was a member of the Church of England and therefore the Archdeacon Graham White and the Rev. H. B. Amstutz of Wesley Church collaborated in the burial service. Mr. R. H. Young is the oldest living member of Wesley Church.

DR. F. M. NORTH died at his home in Madison, N.J. December 10. For many years Dr. North efficiently served the church as Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions. Many of the older missionaries gratefully remember their pleasant relations with him as he served in this capacity. He was invariably kind, brotherly and sympathetic. The depth and richness of his Christian experience are revealed in some of the hymns which he has written, and which are being sung around the world. "Where cross the crowded ways of life" and "Jesus the calm that fills my breast" are dear to every Christian heart.

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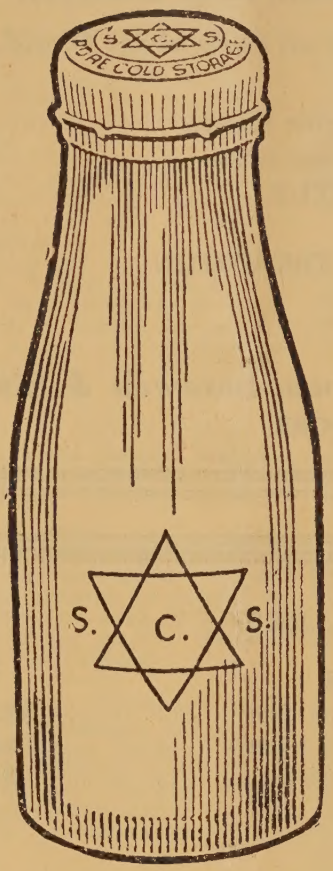

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FATHER AND FRIEND

(An address given by Mr. T. W. Hinch at a Memorial service at Wesley Church, Singapore on Sunday morning 26th January 1936.)

In your newspapers, magazines and other publications, you have read in the past few days or will read later, long accounts of public events and national progress during the reign of his Late Majesty King George V and of his associations with them. It would be quite fitting for me to talk about such things in this morning's service, but of the man who fills our mind this morning such thoughts are not uppermost. The deep mourning and sense of personal loss that came to all British people at the death of King George came not from the passing of a world famous figure, but from the loss of one who was felt to be Father and Friend of his people.

Father and Friend. It is with this thought in mind that I would like to speak of him this morning.

To his own family he was ever a true father. Of this I must be content with two instances. When his family was quite young he asked to be relieved of some of his princely duties so that for a few years he might have time to be a real father to his children. Who can say to what extent this was the cause of the personal love and affection that marked the Royal famliy? And when his eldest son was ready for University, he sent him there not as a pampered prince in nominal residence, but sent him to live the ordinary life of a college undergraduate. In this he showed the love and wisdom of a father who sympathised with the human desires of young life, and realised the value of a training that would make a man and not a mere figure-head.

This same spirit led him while he was King often to refer to his great Empire as a family of nations. To his people he was not only Father but Friend with that happy relationship that sometimes exists between a father and son not widely separated in age, and comes from a sharing of common joys and a fellow feeling in common sorrows.

He was keenly interested in the lot of the average man, and was an ardent supporter of housing schemes and other projects for happy and comfortable well-being. His visits to factories, mines and industrial areas and visits, on his own suggestion, to the homes of the people were no part of his kingly duties but came from a desire to know for himself the conditions under which his people worked and lived.

Hospitals and charitable organisations received from him not only large financial support but also the encouragement of visits and personal interest. Every great disaster brought a message of sympathy and cheer as well as a practical gift.

During the Great War he felt acutely the sufferings and hardships of his people—and shared them too. When food was scarce and each person was allowed only a certain amount of each of the chief articles of food, he limited himself, his family and everybody in his palace to the same scale of food as the labourer, the clerk, the professional man. But in all the distress of war even in times of apparent hopelessness he never lost heart, and his words and example of steadfast hope and courage were a very great factor in maintaining that morale and unconquerable spirit which had as much to do with winning the war as any military skill and achievement.

And whence came this courageous hope, this fellow feeling for others, this desire to serve?

When he was sixteen he promised his mother that he would read a chapter of the Bible every day—and kept that promise. And about that great book he once made the following statement. "In its secular aspect the Bible is the first of our national treasures, and in its spiritual significance the most valuable thing conferred upon the world".

As you and I shared in his public thanksgiving to Almighty God for his recovery from illness in 1929, and as we have read in many public messages his expressions of simple faith and trust we cannot help feeling that here was a man who had a deep sense of religion and religious values:—a man who had that faith in God which alone is the source of true hope and courage and which is the great incentive for ungrudging service for others.

King and Emperor, he yet bowed in his heart to the King of Kings. Ruler of countless subjects, he was himself ruled by his conscience and by a supreme sense of obedience to God and of duty to his fellow man.

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OUR LATE KING-EMPEROR

On the morning of January 21st Malaya received the sad news of the death of His Majesty King George V. Although the King had been ailing for several days previously, this news came as a shock to the entire world. During the following days many expressions of grief and sympathy which were sent to London were a marvellous testimony of the universal regard and esteem in which His Majesty has been held throughout the world. People of every race and tongue sent messages through their accredited representatives and groups from almost every rank and station of the British Empire called together on a moment's notice passed resolutions expressing their sorrow and extending their sympathy to the members of the Royal family. It has been a real source of gratitude to the British people to read so many unsolicited expressions of sympathy which came from so many different parts of the world outside of the British Empire, joining with them in heartfelt appreciation of the great worth of their late King-Emperor.

In the 25 years of his reign King George V had a burden and a responsibility such as few monarchs in history have been called upon to bear. These duties he discharged in the most exemplary fashion as a constitutional monarch who recognized the will of his people as the law of the land. He stood far above the stormy seas of politics and amid all the changes of political and national fortune symbolized the unity and ideal of purpose which animates his far-flung Empire. His 25 years have been critical for the fate of nations, "years of decision" for Britain and Europe and for the world. Few nations have passed through this fiery ordeal with a more glorious record than has Britain. Such days have required strength and stability of character which the King in his position as first citizen to a marvellous degree exemplified. The late King won universal respect and admiration because he so faithfully fulfilled the functions of his office and exemplified the highest traditions of British royalty. He gave the British people every reason to be proud of the institution of constitutional monarchy, a political ideal which has been expressed in the words of Goldsmith "The Englishman is taught to love the King as his friend but to acknowledge no other master than the laws which himself has contributed to enact". It is as a friend of his people that King George V will long be treasured in the hearts of his subjects.

We are happy to have in this issue of the Malaysia Message two contributions, one by an Englishman, Mr. T. W. Hinch, entitled "Father and Friend" and another by an American, Bishop Edwin F. Lee, entitled "The Passing of a World Figure". These two articles are fitting expressions of loyalty and love on behalf of the readers of the Malaysia Message.

INCREASING INTERNATIONAL CONTACTS

Anyone who tries to discern the dominant trends of present day living must be impressed with the fact of the increasing contacts which we have with the great world outside. The marvellous developments in transportation have multiplied our social contacts with other peoples and have brought the corners of the world to a fraction of the distance which our fathers and grandfathers knew. The Imperial Airways and the Royal Dutch Air Mail services which during the last two years have brought Malaya within the close range of only a few days from Europe and America are indicative of the trend of the age in which we are living. The China Clipper of 25 tons, carrying many passengers and two tons of mail, can now span 8,000 miles of sea in less than three days, bringing Manila and the Orient to the very front door of the Pacific Coast of America. Space of land and sea which has so long separated continents and peoples is being rapidly conquered by these mechanical giant birds of the air. Within a year or two we may expect to see the whole world covered by a network of air mail services and the globe encircled by regular air transportation for post and passengers.

This growing international communication, equally evident in the speed of ocean and rail transportation, must bring with it a growing community of interest. These developments show more closely than ever that no man can be a hermit and that no nation can live unto itself alone. Due to the efficiency of modern transportation Malaya has close economic and physical contact not only with the problems and peoples of Europe, but with the problems and peoples of India, of China, and of the whole world.

The recent developments in radio engineering are a striking confirmation of the same general trend. How many of my neighbours can sit down in their drawing rooms after dinner and listen to messages coming directly from London, Paris, New York, Berlin or Moscow? Thanks to the modern radio the Jubilee celebrations in London were broadcast to the farthest corner of the Empire and the news of the late King's death reached us through the loud speaker, before the news appeared in print in London.

The same development we see in the cinematograph and sound pictures. World news is so flashed on the screen that a picture of some great spectacle is given to us more adequately than to those actually present on the scene as observers. The productions of Hollywood are scattered to the farthest corner of the world not many months after the scenes are shot in the studios. Parents in England are complaining that their children are learning to speak with an American accent because of the Shirley Temple films, whereas in Hollywood the producers claim that the best voices for sound pictures are those of English actors. Is it not possible that in a generation or two the English language will be spoken with a common accent throughout the world due to the influence of the sound pictures?

On the other hand, we may see evidence that these increasing contacts of our interdependent world have meant increasing points of friction. The exchange of material goods has not always been accompanied by an equal exchange of mutual respect, courtesy and spiritual understanding. Although the peoples of the world have been jostled closer together and are therefore more materially interdependent, they have not yet realized a corresponding social and spiritual unity.

Geographical proximity in many cases has only increased suspicion and deepened prejudices. Although the globe has been placed physically and figuratively at our feet, very few individuals have so widened their interest as to include the whole world in their sympathy. Spiritual contact and vision are much more important than physical awareness or geographical proximity.

It is evident, however, to the most casual observer, that the great problems, *war and unemployment*, which the nations face to-day are world-wide problems. The recent Italo-Abyssinian war has revealed how directly this conflict affects the interests of the whole world. When peace is threatened at one point, we see how quickly this may develop into a threat to world peace. In the same way labour problems are of growing international importance. Because the modern machine has transformed the conditions of labour, every highly industrialized country faces common problems in organizing and managing its labour forces. Unemployment is a disease, which like influenza or cholera can only be dealt with on an international scale.

It is encouraging to see the growth in international organizations which aim to deal with these international problems. The prestige of the League of Nations and of the World Court of International Justice has never been higher than at the present time. The organized international machinery for peace, although a recent development, has been functioning more efficiently and the nations are now realizing that their only hope for peace lies in the system of collective security such as the League of Nations affords. The International Labour Office and the League of Nations Health Bureau are in a rising ascendant, destined to play increasingly important roles. Because the League of Nations has its ideal equality of opportunity, responsibility, rights and privileges for all the nations of the earth, and hopes eventually to abolish all secret treaties and military alliances, it is an organization and an ideal which should have the support of the nations of the world.

This permanent international agency of peace and justice is sorely needed at the present time to calm the rising tides of international suspicion and to organize the nations of the world in a great collective co-operative endeavour for universal peace and brotherhood. May these recent trends in the world's life which we have indicated force the nations to realize their inter-dependence and reveal to them the urgency and value of co-operating together in the great cause of abolishing war and of establishing peace! May the solemn pledge which these nations have taken in renouncing war as an instrument of national policy and agreeing never to seek a war-like settlement of any difference find increasing realization in the activities and interests of the League of Nations, and may the Christian ideal of "To each according to his need and from each according to his ability" be evident in the life of the nations during the coming year!

"THE PASSING OF A WORLD FIGURE"

By Bishop Edwin F. Lee, d.d.

We are assembled as a mingled group of British subjects and others, citizens of sister nations, to express a common sense of loss in the death of HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE V. It is clearly evident that the tie between the late King and his loyal subjects has been much more than an official relationship and that His Majesty had so endeared himself to his subjects that his passing, even though not unexpected, brings poignant grief throughout the Empire.

KING GEORGE V.

This man was king in England's direst need,
In the black-battled years when hope was gone
His courage was a flag men rallied on,
His steadfast spirit showed him King indeed.
And when the war was ended, when the torch
Of revolution took its hideous place,
His courage and his kindness and his grace
Scattered or charmed its ministers to naught.
No king of all our many has been proved
By times so savage to the thrones of kings,
Nor won more simple triumph over fate,
He was most royal among royal things,
Most thoughtful for the meanest in his State,
The best, the gentlest and the most beloved.

John Masefield

A review of the career of George V reveals a life lived according to the finest British traditions. It must be exceedingly difficult for members of a royal family to live normal, natural lives. Some do not make an attempt, as the pages of history clearly reveal. The practical common sense of Queen Victoria and Albert the Prince Consort left a mark upon the English royal family which has kept it with dignity and has made possible the main tenance of a genuine constitutional monarchy.

Called from the wholesome discipline of the navy to become the Heir Apparent to the English throne, the late King evidently learned much which prepared him for large responsibilities. His father, whose ability was never fully appreciated until recent historians began to give him the recognition he deserves, was evidently a good instructor for his successor in affairs of State. Wide travel throughout the empire gave to the late King an appreciation of the needs of his people, which made it possible for him to look upon them as members of a great family. One of the most touching incidents reported during his last illness refers to his inquiry of his secretary, "How is it with the Empire?" to which his secretary replied, "All is well with the Empire, your Majesty".

The members of the royal family are called upon to share their personal loss with a wide public. This is a part of the price that must be paid for the responsibility of public life. Many of us, who throughout the far flung boundaries of the British Empire, meet to express our respect for a great King Emperor would wish so to express it that there could be no failure to appreciate that a great political figure has passed on, but also that a good husband and father has been taken from the family circle at Buckingham Palace.

A biographer refers to the objective influence that Their Majesties attempted to establish, following the example of Queen Victoria and King Edward VII. His words are as follows, "He and Queen Mary devoted themselves to the task of making the influence of the court a pure, useful and kindly one in the life of the country; they mingled with different classes of society and were ever active in accepting new opportunities of service." It would appear that this wholesome note made possible the increasing hold of the royal family upon the affections of the British people and of their subjects generally throughout the Empire.

It was no small achievement for a man to come to the English throne in the year 1910, on the eve of the greatest political upheaval the world has ever known. It is at this point that I would personally place emphasis in viewing the late King George as a world figure. Governments rose and fell in London, but there was never any question concerning the stability of the influence of the royal figure in Buckingham Palace. Throughout Europe thrones were shaken and crowns toppled from many royal heads, but the crown in London, with the passing of those tragic years, became more firmly established. During the hectic days of the world war strange things were said by various political leaders, but the speeches from Buckingham Palace continued to be carefully chosen, well balanced expressions of thought. Days of reconstruction always require greater political sagacity than do periods of conflict.

The years following the World War have increased the respect of the world for the figure that symbolized the British Empire.

It is impossible for a citizen of another country fully to enter into the attitude of mind of a British subject in appreciation of the English crown, but from another vantage point, I venture to say that the historians of the future will rank His Majesty King George V as one of the greatest of the English Kings, and because of his position at the Head of the great British Empire, will rate him as one of the outstanding world figures of recent centuries.

One who compares the direction of international affairs in the 20th century with what transpired in the closing years of the 19th century will see indicated a marked advance in the recognition of the rights of the individual man and in the fairness with which international relations have been expressed. Without question the important place Great Britain has taken in this improvement in the affairs of the nations, reflects the vision of far-seeing Prime Ministers and their Governments, but behind them is clearly evident the guiding hand of His Majesty George V.

The universal expressions of good will on the occasion of his Silver Jubilee in May a year ago, support the conclusions expressed above. It is certainly fortunate for the stability of the world that a loving Heavenly Father spared this life beyond this Silver Jubilee period and beyond the weeks of the recent General Election in Great Britain, at a time when the peace of the world hung in the balance and stability in London was imperative.

The successor who has just been proclaimed as King Edward VIII is frequently referred to as a most democratic gentleman. Dignity and democracy readily go hand in hand. There is every indication that this young man who assumes tremendous responsibilities will necessarily be required to exchange the free expression of good fellowship for a kindly, kingly dignity.

It was a comfort to read that the passing of the late King was peaceful. It is our earnest prayer that his soul enter a peace which passeth the understanding of the human heart. We pause to express sympathy for Her Majesty Queen Mary and the sorrowing members of the Royal Family. We also express, as a prayer, the hope that the kindly influence of His Late Majesty King George V upon the life of the world may continue to bear fruit in international and interracial good will throughout the years to come.

Memorial Service
Wesley Methodist Church, Singapore.
Sunday, January 26, 1936.

A YEAR WITH THE BIBLE

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4.	The Temptation	Luke 4: 1—13
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6.	The Woman of Samaria	John 4: 4—26
7.	Authority	Mark 1: 21—34
8.	Second Sunday in Lent	Luke 8: 22—25
9.	Beatitudes	Matt. 5: 1—12
10.	Parable of the Sower	Mark 4: 1—20

WORLD HAPPENINGS

THE FATE OF CHINA

The last month has been a critical one for the future of China. Japanese military forces, now increased to 22 divisions in north China, are making further inroads upon China's independence. Inner Mongolia, including the provinces of Hopei, Chahar and North Suiyan, an area of over 100,000 square miles, has declared its independence with the announcement of plans to set up an autonomous regime. This recent move has met with determined resistance largely in the form of strikes and student demonstrations. A delegation of seventeen hundred students on procession to Nanking held up rail traffic between Shanghai and Nanking. Another delegation of two hundred students and professors walked 625 miles from Peiping to Nanking and were joined by a similar delegation from Tientsin with the purpose of protesting against the autonomy movement in North China and of urging resistance against foreign aggression. If the autonomy movement succeeds it will probably mean another large part of Chinese territory lost to China. The new territory might be incorporated with Manchukuo under a general name of United Confederation. As a result of these latest developments it was necessary to declare martial law in Nanking, Shanghai, Hangkow and Canton, to curb insurrection and suppress all student demonstrations. General Chiang in Nanking was gracious enough to meet the delegation of students and professors and to explain his foreign policy to them. He emphatically denied the existence of a secret agreement with Japan.

The foreign crisis has apparently brought North and South nearer together. Mr. Hu Han-Min, who is called the key man of China's present day politics and leader of the right wing of the Kuomintung, met with representatives from Nanking in Singapore and announced complete agreement between General Chiang and himself. If this is true it means that all Chinese political leaders, both North and South, can work together for the salvation of China and for resistance to foreign aggression. Economic co-operation between China and Britain has been attained as the result of an agreement reached in Nanking between Sir Leith Ross and Dr. H. H. Kung, Chinese Minister of Finance. Claiming now to have behind him a unified China including Canton, General Chiang in his new role of Prime Minister is attempting direct negotiations with Tokio for the settlement of all outstanding differences. The future for China is bright if these leaders can immediately sink all their differences and present a united front against all external aggression. *This course alone will preserve China's independence.* If China adopts the course of alliance with Japan to resist Soviet influence or of alliance with Soviet Russia to resist Japanese influence the result in either case will probably be suicidal.

Forty-seven percent of the new Japanese National Budget is for naval and army expenditure. These armament increases according to well informed observers are really directed against Russia and not against America.

ABYSSINIA

Italy cannot claim any spectacular success so far in Abyssinia. Fighting has been fierce on both the northern and southern fronts without much change in position. Abyssinia claims to have recaptured Makale and to have taken twenty Italian tanks. War always brings atrocities and the Abyssinian war is not an exception. Air raids and poison gas bombs have been used by Italy with destructive effect and have caused protest by Abyssinia to the League of Nations. A Swedish Red Cross unit consisting of nine Swedes and 23 Abyssinians was bombed with several Abyssinians and one Swedish doctor killed. Other Red Cross ambulances, including the British, have been reported to be bombed and machine-guned, an action which has occasioned widespread protest. Italy claims justification for bombing because of Abyssinian cruelty to Italian prisoners. The Abyssinians admit decapitation of Italian Air Force officers who on forced landing refused to surrender and retaliated with machine gun fire.

Several mutinies of Italian troops have been reported. One in East Africa where native soldiers killed an Italian officer and escaped across the border into Tunis. In northern Italy mutinies have been reported, with many Italian soldiers fleeing to the Tyrol and to Yugoslavia where it is said there are now some 2,000 military refugees. It is estimated that a total of about 14,000 refugees have crossed from the Italian Tyrol to Austria and Bavaria. Another mutiny broke out on the Italian ship s.s. "Corona" when officers had to send out a call for help off the coast of Asia Minor. The boat was later towed into Constantinople. Italy's defeat has been contemplated with possible serious consequences to the delicate political balance in Europe. The League of Nations Council meeting January 20th considered what steps were necessary to bring further pressure to bear on Italy by the imposing of oil sanctions. Britain has obtained from France a promise of aid from the French fleet in the Mediterranian if Italy should attack the British fleet

on the application of oil sanctions. English circles in Geneva believe there will be an increase of the collective pressure against Italy and look forward to a general Italian collapse. The French, on the other hand, seem to have lost hope of a speedy end to the war.

AIR MAIL DEVELOPMENT.

A regular fortnightly air mail service between San Francisco and Manila is being planned by the Pan-American Airways using planes of the Martin Flying Boat type, such as The China Clipper. This company has also made arrangements with New Zealand to provide a regular fortnightly service by the end of the year between Auckland and San Francisco. The trial flights between Penang and Hongkong have been successful with the object of inaugurating regular services to link Hongkong with the Imperial Airways. As soon as service is established between Hongkong and Manila and a regular air service set up across the Atlantic the whole world will then be circled by regular air mail services.

RUSSIA

Soviet Russia is doubling its military expenditure for 1936 over the previous year. Part of the increase is due to a 57% raise in the pay of its soldiers with a total Red Army of one million three hundred thousand men. Russia justifies this expenditure as due to the threatening war dangers on both the eastern and western fronts occasioned by the aggressive policies of Japan and Germany.

Soviet Russia as a member of the League of Nations fulfilling it international obligations is not regarded as a military menace but as a force for peace. It has on previous occasions made proposals looking toward total disarmament.

CLASHING IDEAS IN JAPAN

A professor in the Imperial University in Tokyo is now using the Lytton Report on the Sino-Japanese Dispute (Manchurian incident, etc.) as a textbook.

A recent issue of the "Christian Century", containing an article entitled "Is Japan Drugging China?" by Muriel Lester, and the October issue of "The Readers Digest" have been confiscated by the Japanese postal authorities in large quantities. Only a few of these issues have leaked through the mails into Japan.

A high police official made the remark in a private conversation that he believed the prestige of the Japanese military had been greatly lowered by their attitude of intransigency in the case of Dr. Minobe, who refused recently to retract the theory that he had taught for over 30 years in the Imperial University: namely, that the Emperor is an organ of the State.

A Japanese dentist, a Christian of Osaka, is now in prison as the result of having said in the course of a roadside sermon that Amaterasu Omikami, the ancient and mythological sun-goddess, was not the ancestress of the present Emperor.

Disclosures are taking place of "third-degree" methods employed by Japanese police. There is nothing new in the use of these methods, but it is indeed something new to have the representatives of the ruling class take up the cudgels in favor of fair play on the part of the police. The death of a suspected radical leader while being tortured at a Kyoto police station has caused wide-spread comment.

N.N.S.

AMERICA.

In his New Year's message to Congress President Roosevelt referred to the danger of war in Europe as the result of growing ill will and increasing armaments. He outlined America's policy of neutrality as follows: (a) To decline permission to belligerants to obtain arms and munitions from the U.S. and (b) To discourage the use by belligerants of all American products calculated to facilitate the prosecution of war. This speech was warmly welcomed in London and is regarded as a significant contribution to the attempt of the League of Nations to settle international disputes without resort to arms. Although the words of American Presidents are not always adopted and translated into action by Congress President Roosevelt's lead is significant. The political atmosphere in America is becoming increasingly charged for the coming presidential election. The basic issue according to President Roosevelt will be the retention of popular government. Our frontiers today, he says, "are economic and not geographical. Our enemies are the forces of privilege and greed within our own borders."

President Roosevelt has recently vetoed the Army Veterans Bonus Bill, passed by Congress. Both Houses of Congress however, passed the Bill over the President's Veto.

GAS WARFARE AND THE DOCTORS

The British Medical Association decided at its recent congress to use its influence to abolish chemical warfare. Dr. Jones, who presided at the sessions, declared:

"Medical researches have brought miraculous results. Every day substantial advances are made against disease and suffering. But at the same time researches are in progress to discover ever more lethal gases which will be used to wipe out all humanity.

There is no effective protection against poison gas.

It has been planned to distribute gas masks and to shut us up in underground safety chambers. I believe that these measures would have but one result: asphyxiation.

I think we should give an example which can be followed by the doctors of other countries by declaring that chemical warfare is diabolical and inhuman."

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MALAYA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Malayan Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church opened its 44th session in the Wesley Church, Thursday, January 2nd, and was presided over by the Rev. Bishop Edwin F. Lee.

After a short devotional service and Holy Communion, conducted by Bishop Lee, over 50 pastors, members of Conference, and those admitted on trial responded to the roll as their names were called.

Sarawak District.

The first report was given by Dr. R. L. Archer, Acting District Superintendent of the Sarawak District. Dr. Archer referred to the passing of Rev. J. M. Hoover, who had built himself into the life of the Sarawak District, where he went as a pioneer missionary 33 years ago.

Mrs. Hoover had loyally stayed on in Sibu to carry on the work, especially the work in the Girls School, until the end of the year. During the latter part of September the Rev. and Mrs. G. V. Summers moved from Singapore to Sibu and in the last few months had been getting acclimatised to their new Field, where they had been heartily welcomed by both the Europeans and Chinese

H. H. the Raja of Sarawak had presented a special bronze tablet as a memorial to the Rev. J. M. Hoover, the first Methodist missionary in Sarawak, and this tablet, placed on the front of the Sibu Church, was unveiled early in December by the Resident of Sibu at a special gathering, at which all of the local Government officials were present.

Forty-seven Churches.

The Sarawak District numbers 47 churches with 150 pastors, local preachers and teachers. During the year three new church buildings were erected and 335 children and 101 adults baptised; $5,700 was raised locally for the building of the three new church buildings.

Under Mrs. Hoover's leadership the Sibu Girls School has become an institution of over 250 pupils with graduates going out every year, of whom both the European and Chinese community spoke in the highest terms of praise.

The Sitiawan Chinese.

Rev. C. E. Fang reported on the Sitiawan Chinese District where he has served his first year as District Superintendent.

His district, which was newly created last year, contains one English school, one Chinese school and eight churches with 435 full members and 219 preparatory members. The total number of children baptised during the year was 350.

There has been a healthy growth during the year, especially noticeable after the evangelistic meetings conducted by the Rev. Dr. John Sung. The Sunday Schools have a total enrolment of 939 pupils with an increase of 350 over last year.

Dr. Sung came to Sitiawan at the invitation of the District Quarterly Conference and meetings were held from September 30 to October 6. Much new inspiration was given to all the church workers and many were converted and new members brought in to the church.

Memorials.

Memorials were read to the following Mission workers who have died during the year:

The Rev. J. M. Hoover, who served for 33 years as Methodist Missionary in Borneo.

The Rev. W. V. Nitchingham, Tamil Methodist Pastor, who served for 37 years in Ceylon and later in Malaya.

Mrs. Yau Yee San, wife of the Cantonese pastor in Kuala Lumpur.

Mrs. Ng Khun Khiam, who served for 20 years as Bible woman in Penang.

Mrs. Liong Pek Imm, who served for over 22 years as Bible woman in Ipoh and Penang.

These were remembered in a short but impressive service.

In Remembrance.

In a memorial service at which Mr. Hoover was especially remembered Bishop Lee paid this tribute: "In the passing of Jim Hoover this Conference lost its most striking and interesting personality. Our church lost one of its most loyal defenders .Christendom lost one of its outstanding missionaries. A unique Colonial Government lost one of its oldest and most honoured citizens. Hundreds of Chinese, Dyaks and Malays resident in Sarawak lost a counsellor and guide. You and I lost a true friend and Mrs. Hoover lost her beloved companion of 32 years. It is not given to many missionaries to have such dramatic careers in life or death as has had Jim Hoover."

During the 22 years in which Bishop Lee had known Mr. Hoover he could say that in every regard he found him as one who was absolutely honest; his personality commanded respect wherever he went; he sought for no special favour or privilege but was self-effacing to a remarkable degree.

Challenge to Christianity.

Bishop Lee referred to the fact that we were to-day facing not only a challenge of Mission work but a challenge to Christianity throughout the world. There was evident a lack of interest and enthusiasm in the work of Foreign Missions. We needed colourful men like Jim Hoover to recapture the imagination and interest of the church at home and abroad.

Friday's session was opened by a devotional service at which Bishop Edwin F. Lee spoke on the subject "Alertness and Courage."

At 9.30 the Lay Conference consisting of the Lay representative from each of the Methodist churches in Malaya united in session with the preachers.

At this time a report was read by the Rev. S. S. Pakianathan of Singapore surveying the work of the Southern Tamil District for the past year.

Mr. Pakianathan referred to some novel ways of preaching the Gospel to his Indian constituency. One was started by Mr. Thangamuthu who, after several months of training in India in Indian music, has returned to this district for lyrical preaching. Gospel stories are sung to the accompaniment of Indian music.

This form of preaching has been very popular on the estates and in the labour centres of Johore and Malacca and estate managers have contributed toward the salary and expenses of this preacher. This trained Indian musician has also greatly helped to improve the congregational singing of the Tamil churches.

Another interesting method of preaching is that developed at Tampin where the pastor has with the permission of the managers of the estates preached the Gospel to the whole labour force at their morning parade or muster.

New Buildings.

The Rev. Dr. M. Dodsworth presented his report as Superintendent of the Penang-Ipoh District. Many new building projects have been started or completed during the year—a new Tamil Parsonage in Ipoh; a new building project for a church in Taiping which is to cost $15,000, a new A.C.S. building in Sitiawan to cost $16,000.

A new annex to the A.C.S. Kampar to cost $8,000, a new Tamil church of $11,000 in Penang which was dedicated on Easter Sunday by Bishop Lee, a new church in Teluk Anson to cost $6,000 for which Bishop Lee laid corner stone January 12th.

Dr. Dodsworth referred to the fine work of the A.C.S., Ipoh, which is justly proud of the fact that one of its students has been awarded the Queen's Scholarship, and of the progress in the A.C.S., Penang, where they have secured a four-acre site on Burmah Road for a new A.C.S. building. A new clinic at Sitiawan was opened in March and a new bungalow for a lady missionary has been built in Sitiawan.

Work Among the Sakais.

Special interest was attached to Dr. Dodsworth's report of the work among the Sakais where two new houses costing $300 each were built for a school, church services and residence for the Sakai missionaries.

"This interesting phase of our programme continues to arouse interest not only among our churches but among the general public as well.

"Our two Sakai missionaries have found a sympathetic hearing in our churches and Epworth Leagues wherever they have gone. Mr. Simandjoektak in three months time transformed the jungle into a garden. He is teaching these primitive people how to raise food crops which will make them self supporting.

"One Sakai boy has left his home in the Sungei Telom Valley to live with Mr. Simandjoentak, in order to be under instruction. He has already gone back to his own kampong on one occasion to teach his own people.

"Mr. Siantoeri conducts preaching services every Sunday and has as many as fifty Sakais attending these services. Translations of the Gospels have been made into the Sakai language."

At the Conference of Methodist laymen held in the Y.M.C.A. Hall on Saturday morning Mr. V. D. Kuppusamy, of the Anglo-Chinese School staff, Ipoh, was elected as lay delegate from Malaya to General Conference.

Mr. D. C. Gong, vice-principal of the A.C.S., Sitiawan, was elected as the reserve delegate.

The regular conference session, held in Wesley Church, Singapore, Saturday, January 4, was preceded by a choral service, given by the Say Mia Tng Choir, under the direction of Mr. J. McNeish.

The report of the Central Tamil District, which includes the Tamil work of Negri Sembilan, Selangor and Pahang, was read by the Rev. J. A. Supramaniam, of Seremban. He reported that a new church and parsonage are being built at Raub, and that the Chinese Church in Bentong, Pahang, is now being used for Chinese, Tamil and English services.

Kuala Lumpur District.

The Rev. P. L. Peach of Kuala Lumpur, in his report of the Kuala Lumpur district, called attention to the fine progress of the Methodist Girls' Boarding School, Kuala Lumpur, in its beautiful dwelling on Belfield Road, where it has served a three-fold purpose of providing a hostel for Tamil, Chinese and Malay girls.

Mr. Peach stated that there are now 70 Malay girls studying in the Methodist Girls' School, Kuala Lumpur, and that the opportunity which our girls' schools offer for service to the Malay communities of Klang and Kuala Lumpur is scarcely realised.

IN SINGAPORE

The Rev. R. L. Archer, of Singapore, in his report of the Singapore District, stated that **all churches of the district had shown very substantial gains in membership during the year.**

The Straits Chinese Church, Kampong Kapor, has the largest Sunday School of the Conference and creates a problem because of the insufficient classroom space to provide the needed accommodation to its 500 or more pupils.

Telok Ayer Chinese Church, Singapore, was commended for having joined the ranks of those churches which require no mission help to support their pastors.

In connection with three of the Chinese churches, Geylang Telok Ayer and the Foochow churches, mission Sunday school work has been organised in several places outside of churches. At Malacca, which is included in the Singapore District, a building project is under way for the erection of a new church in Bickley Park, at a cost of between $15,000 and $20,000.

Sunday's Proceedings.

At the Conference Ordination service, held in Wesley Church, Sunday morning, Bishop F. Lee, assisted by all the district superintendents, ordained as deacons of the church:

B. H. Baughman, of Penang; Chua Iok Han, of Malacca; Lim Keng Leong, of Jasin; Lim Keong Eng; of Klang; and T. S. James Lin, of Sibu, Sarawak.

At the close of this service, the following persons were ordained as Elders: B. H. Baughman of Penang, Thevervelil M. Kurien of Penang, Hong Han Keng of Singapore, Lin Lee Kong of Sarawak, Sia Yeu Tee of Sarawak, Tan Han Kiat of Sarawak, and Uong Dung Sing of Sepang.

An all Methodist service of worship, at which all the Methodist churches of Singapore united with the Conference delegates in worship, was held at the Memorial Hall, Sunday evening 5.45 p.m. The Conference Choir of some sixty voices, with Mr. T. W. Hinch as director and Mrs. E. M. Road at the organ, gave two special numbers, one an Introit "Hail, Gladdening Light" and the other an anthem "Thou, Whose Almighty Word."

After a solo "Hear ye, Israel" by Mrs. Ida Kinloch, Bishop Lee preached the sermon on the theme "A Crusade Motivated by Faith." "Christianity," Bishop Lee said, "is to-day being vigorously attacked by a paganism which is not confined to New Guinea, but is found in all the great cities of Occident and Orient." He defined this paganism as "A selfish outlook on life and with no concern for the welfare of others."

Crusading Faith.

"Christianity is a crusading faith sending its followers out to the ends of the earth. It is the only religion under which men have fought for the rights of others as well as for the rights of themselves.

"It is not a weak negation under the principle of love, but a positive dynamic driving us to fight for the rights of others. It is not that Christianity has been tried and found wanting, but it has been found difficult, and therefore instead of being tried has been exchanged for "a milk and water faith."

The Monday morning session was preceded by a devotional half hour at which Rev. Timothy Huang spoke in Chinese on "Thanksgiving and Confession."

It was announced that Dr. R. L. Archer had been elected on the third ballot as Ministerial delegate to General Conference. Dr. M. Dodsworth was elected reserve Ministerial delegate.

Several General Conference memorials were passed among which was one endorsing the request of the Sarawak District that authorization be given for the organization of this district as a Mission with the possibility of further organization into a Mission Conference.

Bishop Lee explained the project of establishing a memorial to Rev. J. M. Hoover in the form of a memorial window "Christ in Gethsemane" to be placed in the Masland Memorial Church at Sibu. A committee was appointed and subscriptions collected.

At Tuesday morning's session Bishop Lee addressed the Conference at the devotional period on "Spiritual Security." This morning's session was largely devoted to the business of passing General Conference memorials.

The first resolution passed was one instructing our delegates to maintain Singapore as an Episcopal residence. "Singapore because of its strategic location, its rapidly enlarging place in the eyes of the world, its importance to the British Empire and its importance to the commerce of the world deserves to be forever honoured as one of the Episcopal residences."

The second resolution presented by Dr. M. Dodsworth was to instruct our delegates to General Conference to work for Bishop Lee's election to the General Superintendency as a mark of esteem and affection on the part of his co-workers. "His two terms in this large area as Bishop have proved his ability, demonstrated his administrative powers, and shown his vision for the Kingdom of God. He has in a remarkable way won the confidence of the three governments under which he has worked: the British

in Malaya, the Dutch in Sumatra and the Sarawak Government in Borneo. Indigenous leadership has come to the front in a striking way in these eight years with the result that the majority of the district superintendents are Asiatic and other Asiatics are holding positions of trust and responsibility in the schools."

The third resolution was to persuade General Conference to return Bishop Lee to our area. "He has led us thus far and with many problems not as yet solved which he has tackled with us we feel his presence is absolutely essential for the best interests of the furtherance of the Kingdom here. The contemplated changes in Borneo, best known by him; the work in Sumatra now just taking root and expanding; the evangelistic and educational problems in Malaya, all require his counsel; the newly formed Chinese Conference requires his guiding hand. His intimate knowledge of every phase of our work, his visits to almost every church and congregation, his grasp of our situation, complex as it is and located under the protection of three flags, requires his return to our field."

The fourth resolution was to express our sincere appreciation of Bishop Lee's help-mate, Mrs. Lee. "She has been a wonderful friend, a wise counselor, and an appreciative sharer in our many enterprises. Her help has been of invaluable quality to the work of the women in Malaya and all the girls know her as their friend. As she leaves with her husband for America we wish her 'bon voyage' and the opportunity to drink deeply of the wells of living water so that she may come back and continue to bless us with her advice, her enthusiasm, her vision."

At 11 a.m. Dr. A. H. Prussner gave an inspiring address on "New Movements in Islam." This was followed by a report on the Sakai work given by Mr. Alexander Simandjoentak and Mr. S. M. Siantoeri at which time they sang a Sakai hymn, certainly the first Sakai hymn ever sung at an Annual Conference.

Tuesday's Session

At the final session of the Conference Tuesday afternoon, Bishop Lee explained the plans for the new Malaysia Chinese Conference to which practically all of the work in the Chinese vernacular was transferred.

Officers were elected, the district superintendents were announced, and arrangements were explained for the transfer of church funds and property to be used by the new Conference.

There are three Chinese districts: one in the north with Rev. C. E. Fang of Sitiawan as District Superintendent; one in the Central District with the Rev. Yau Yee San of Kuala Lumpur as District Superintendent, and one in the south with the Rev. Lim Hong Ban, whose residence is to be in Singapore, as District Superintendent.

In Sarawak the Rev. and Mrs. G. V. Summers become resident missionaries. Two new districts have been organised, one the Sereiki District with the Rev. Uong Ging Huo as superintendent, and the Sibu District, with Rev. Lee Hock Hiang as superintendent. Mrs. Summers replaces Mrs. Hoover as principal of the Methodist Girls School, Sibu.

The Malaysia Commission on Religious Education has recommended the following month by month programme for the year 1936.

February —Church or Sunday School Rally Week for the purpose of increasing enrolment and attendance.
March —Home Missions Week (appeals to Evangelism and Social Service).
April —Easter Programme.
May —Mothers' or Parents' Day and Epworth League Anniversary Day.
June —Temperance and Good Habits Week.
July —Childrens' Day Programme.
August —Institutes for Church School Superintendents, Teachers and Officers and Teachers of Religious Education and also for the Epworth Leagues. Daily Vacation Bible Schools.
September—Christian Stewardship.
October —Comradeship or Win-My-Chum Week.
November—International Goodwill and World Peace.
December —Christmas Programme.
January —Organization or re-organization of work.

1936 Changes

The important changes in appointment for the year 1936 are: Mrs. Ralph Kesselring becomes Principal of the Anglo Chinese Girls School, Ipoh, to succeed Miss V. Lake on leave. Mr. Burr H. Baughman of Penang becomes Resident Missionary and Principal of the Anglo Chinese School, Seremban. The Rev. J. A. Supramaniam of Seremban is transferred to Kuala Lumpur and Rev. T. M. Kurien of Penang joins the staff of the Anglo Chinese School, Seremban, and becomes pastor of the Tamil Church.

Miss Dorothy Stevenson, a new missionary, joins the staff of the Methodist Girls School, Kuala Lumpur.

Miss Martha Gertsch joins the staff of the Fairfield Girls School, Singapore. Miss C. Meyer a new missionary joins the Methodist Girls School, Singapore.

Mr. S. K. Ratnam becomes acting principal of the Anglo Chinese School, Malacca, while Mr. Ho Seng Ong is on nine months leave. Rev. N. G. Manickam is transferred from Sentual to Taiping, Mr. S. A. Phillips succeeding him.

Mr. G. S. Arumugum of Klang succeeds the Rev. D. H. Yap of Kuala Lumpur as acting secretary of Epworth League and Young Peoples Work. Dr. L. Proebstel succeeds Mr. T. W. Hinch of Singapore, who is to go on leave, as Secretary of Education.

The Rev. and Mrs. H. F. Kuehn of Seremban, the Rev. and Mrs. Paul H. Schmucker of Klang, and the Rev. and Mrs. C. D. Patterson, of Telok Anson, are due to go on leave early in the year. The Rev. Kingham Joseph becomes pastor of the Tamil Church, Penang.

Mr. V. D. Kuppusamy

LAY DELEGATE—ELECT TO GENERAL CONFERENCE

Mr. V. D. Kuppusamy who has been elected Lay Delegate to the General Conference to be held at Columbus, Ohio, in May, is Senior Class Master at the A.C.S., Ipoh. He has been actively interested in the work of the Teachers' Association and was joint founder of the Malayan Teachers' Association and General Secretary from 1926 to 1929.

He has been in charge of the Queen's Scholarship Class and coached the F.M.S. Queen's scholar of 1935 in English. He was editor of the A.C.S. magazine "The Voyager" last year.

He has been connected with the Epworth League since 1919 and has long been a member of the Malaysia Commission on Religious Education. He has attended the Malaya Annual Conference since 1920, first as a visitor and since the admission of laymen into the Conference in 1932 as lay delegate. He was elected reserve delegate to the General Conference in 1928 when Dr. Chen Su Lan went as delegate.

Since Malaya became eligible to send a lay delegate in 1916 six delegates have been sent —Mr. Augustine (1916), Rev. Goh Hood Keng (1920), Mr. Khoo Cheng Hoe (1924), Dr. Chen Su Lan (1928), Mr. Lim Un Tien (1932) and Mr. V. D. Kuppusamy (1936).

SUMATRA MISSION CONFERENCE

The Sumatra Mission Conference met for its 8th Session in Medan, Sumatra, January 16—19, 1936.

On the evening of the 15th in the Boys' School Hall a hearty welcome was given at a reception at which the Medan Congregation acted as hosts. An unusually fine musical programme of orchestral music, piano and vocal solos, and a selection by the Batak Male Chorus, was presented. The Methodists of Medan are to be congratulated upon their musical talents. Representatives from the English, Chinese, Malay and Batak Congregation of Medan spoke kindly words of greeting to Bishop Edwin F. Lee and the members of the Conference. Bishop Lee graciously responded.

The Conference opened with a quiet and blessed Communion Service, at which Bishop Lee officiated, assisted by Dr. A. H. Prussner, Rev. Egon N. Ostrom, Rev.Ephraim Sihombing, and Rev. Luther H. Barat. The devotional messages brought by Bishop Lee each morning were greatly appreciated, as was his Conference Sermon on Sunday morning.

The reports gave us reason for gratitude. Decreased forces have not meant decreased efforts. The Mission Superintendent, Rev. A. V. Klaus, reported an increase of 17% in full membership. The number of adult baptisms showed an increase of about 55%.

The Rev. N. T. Gottschall was elected as the Conference Representative to General Conference. The Rev. & Mrs. Egon N. Ostrom are to represent Sumatra at The World Sunday School Convention in Oslo. A number of Memorials for General Conference were passed by the Conference, among them being the recommendation for the return of Bishop Edwin F. Lee to this area.

Sunday the 19th was a great day for the Methodists of Medan. It was thrilling to watch the crowds who from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. attended the Services of the four different language groups.

The Malay Sermon at 8 a.m. was preached by Dr. Prussner of Palembang. His message, based on the First Psalm, was heartily received by the Malay speaking Chinese. At the 9 o'clock service Bishop Edwin F. Lee preached the Conference Sermon, "A Crusade Motivated by Faith." It was a message which challenged the large audience of young people. There were over 200 people present, with the church auditorium almost completely filled. At this service, David Egon, the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Egon Ostrom, was brought for baptism. Dr. R. L. Archer gave an inspiring sermon to the Hokkien Congregation at the 10 o'clock service.

The 10th Anniversary of the Medan Batak Congregation was celebrated at the 11 o'clock service. Pendita Lamsana L. Tobing, who was the first pastor, preached. Short addresses were given by members of the church, Bishop Lee, and Dr. Archer. The latter was the missionary in charge when the Batak Church was organized.

After the Batak Service the Conference convened for its closing session. After a few words by Bishop Lee, the District Superintendents, the Rev. A. V. Klaus and Dr. A. H. Prussner, read the appointments. The hymn, "Still, Still We Trust", was sung, Bishop Lee led in prayer, and all united in the Lord's Prayer.

RAGNAR ALM.

FAREWELL TO BISHOP & MRS. LEE

A farewell reception in honour of Bishop and Mrs. Edwin F. Lee was held in Wesley Church Hall, Monday afternoon, January 27th, on the eve of their departure for Manila and America. All the missionaries, pastors and members of the Official Boards of Singapore Churches were invited and turned out in large numbers to bid farewell and bon voyage to our beloved Bishop and his wife. Rev. Dr. R. L. Archer presiding called upon the following who spoke briefly words of farewell: Miss M. Rank on behalf of the women, Rev. S. S. Pakianathan for the Tamil brethren, Rev. H. B. Amstutz for the missionaries and members of Wesley Church, Rev. Goh Hood Keng for the Chinese group. Mr. Lim Un Tien briefly interpreted the high points of these speeches into Hokkien. Finally Mrs. Lee and Bishop Lee responded in very appropriate speeches. This was a happy occasion of fine fellowship and was a cordial expression of our sincere wishes to the Lees as they return home and our prayers for their return to Malaya.

OUR AMERICAN LETTER

W. T. C.

UNITED METHODISM. Both the secular and religious press are commenting upon the "plan of reunion" which it is hoped will soon, after seventy years of negotiation, bring into one undivided denomination the three main branches of Methodism in the United States, within five years from now.

There was a time when Methodism was only a revival movement in the Church of England. Circumstances led the members of that movement to organize a separate church. Members of the movement had crossed the Atlantic before the American colonies had become a nation by themselves, separate from England. The independence of the church followed the granting of independence of the colonies from the Mother Country. The Methodists thus cut off politically and geographically from the homeland, chose to organize as the Methodist Episcopal Church; and that body has so continued to this day.

Division and subdivision was in the air in those times. The divisive spirit which separated the Colonies from the Motherland, and the American Methodists from the British Methodists, soon caused a division within their own ranks. With nothing more serious to divide them than the subject of admitting laymen to Annual Conference membership—(a privilege since granted)—a breach opened which resulted in the organization of the Methodist Protestant Church, with 5,000 members and 83 preachers, in 1828.

But a much larger cause for disagreement was soon to arise: the question of slavery. In 1844, the vast territory and membership of Methodism in the southern states left the denomination in a body numbering 700,000 members, 2,600 itinerant preachers, and 5,000 local preachers; and organized the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The controversy that wrought such disaster within the Church was soon to result in greater disaster to the entire nation, when seventeen years later it was split apart by civil war.

It has taken many years to heal the wounds that the nation suffered in that conflict: there is still in the United States a very real consciousness of North and South, or colored man and white man. But it is steadily healing under the touch of time, free intercourse, blood relationship, and the Great Physician.

This healing process is now to receive the greatest impetus it has yet experienced. The efforts of three-quarters of a century are to bear fruit. These three Methodist bodies—the original Methodist Episcopal Church (which planted and fosters our Methodist Mission in Malaya); the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, which owes its origin to the same conditions that caused the Civil War for the abolition of slavery; and the Methodist Protestant Church, with its earlier separation already mentioned; have now developed a plan for their merger into one body, to be known as "The Methodist Church." The plan, if it succeeds, would unite more than 8,000,000 communicants; a Sunday School enrolment of approximately 6,000,000; and a constituency of more than 30,000,000 in a nation numbering over 120,000,000.

In the interest of an undivided Church and Christianity, it is devoutly to be hoped that the movement will succeed. From the viewpoint of more numbers, regardless of unity and spirituality, it is this writer's opinion that we had better be small and good, than be big and proud, saying like foolish Nebuchadnezzar, "Is not this great Babylon which I have built?" Doubtless the outstanding men of all three denominations concerned are animated solely by the very highest motives, one of which was Christ's own prayer for His followers: "That they all may be one!"

DOCTOR SHELLABEAR, who has not been in the best of health recently, has been back to his desk and his beloved and invaluable translation work, but at a cautious pace. It takes so many, many years to produce such a man, an extra allowance of longevity would seem to be appropriate.

A SCIENTIST, Dr. Alexis Carrel, in a recent lecture said that rejuvenating procedures may considerably extend the duration of human life during the next three centuries; and that by then science may ascertain whether death itself is forever to remain a mystery. I was about to bemoan having left Malaya so soon, just on the eve of the discovery of such an alluring prospect of longevity; when the scientist went on to say that the artificial postponement of the death of a large number of individuals would be a far greater calamity than death itself, because death is an indispensable condition of life. That, and the fact that I had twenty-four years there anyway, reconciles me to Dr. Carrel's theory; for I do not want to stand in the way of a better man who may live ten times as long.

AN IRISHMAN is credited with having saved $43,000 that he received in fees as a hotel porter, for carrying the suit cases of travelling salesmen. Think of the sacrifice we make when we become missionaries instead of porters!

BISHOP OLDHAM'S friends in Malaya will remember him in their hearts and prayers as I quote a letter from him dated Nov. 22nd. "I regret to report that I am not well, but except for an occasional bout of pain I am very well content with what comes to me from the table of the Lord. My chief deprivation is that I can no longer see to read, unless the type be very large. Mrs. Oldham, like myself, has much to be thankful for, and we are both very thankful." God bless them both:

W. T. CHERRY.

Ridley Park, U.S.A., Dec. 16th, 1935.

A MEDITATION—THE DISCIPLINE OF LOVE

H.B.A.

"Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins."
"He first loved us."
"God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."
"To comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge..."

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From the immediate cares, the clamour and besetment of the world, turn aside with sincere desire, and know the greater reality of the **Love** of God. It is here for our beholding and for our simple receiving. Have we known and tasted of it aforetime, yet here it is freshly, more largely, more wonderfully. Have we ignored or forgotten it, still it is not denied us. Contemplate that Love, finding its most revealing expression in the **Cross** of Jesus.

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Madness.

She called from her cell,
"Let me give you a rose,"
To the cold tract-man
In his Sabbath clothes.

And the tract-man said
To the one gone mad,
"How can you give
What you never had?"

"As you give Christ,"
The madwoman said,
"While love in your heart
Lies cold and dead."

—Harry Lee.

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Love speaks. I can steel my heart against almost any speech. I can listen unmoved to what wisdom and philosophy say: to what law says: to what moral rectitude says. But I shrink from the speech of Love. I know what Love has to say to me—and self fears to hear it. To self that speech is a piercing sword.

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Love saith to me, "Repent";
Love saith to me, "Believe";
Love sayeth oft-times, "Grieve
That thou hast little **lent,**
That thou hast little given
To Him, thy Lord in Heaven,
And when He cometh, **what** wilt thou receive?"

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Into the wilderness goes Love to fight His battle. God would have on earth one filial heart, one loyal Son, through whom His perfect will might triumph and His Spirit's power be fulfilled. But Flesh is the foeman: appetite demands its satisfaction; what is life if a man look not to his material needs? And Love, hungering, cries: "Man shall not live by bread alone."

O Love, that unveilest my heart, this was my battle Thou didst fight!

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From all untruth and insincerity of purpose,
And into the unified and pure being of love,
Save and deliver us, O mighty Love!

From all self-will, self-confidence, and self-seeking,
And into the joy of doing Thy will,
Save and deliver us, O mighty Love!

From cowardice of spirit, the coveting of men's applause, and the love of our own comfort,
And into courageous abandonment in love's service,
Save and deliver us, O mighty Love!

From all base contentment with lesser good and mistrust of Thy spiritual calls,
And into the ardour and confidence of love's ascents,
Save and deliver us, O mighty Love!

From all hardening of heart, material-mindedness, cynicism and despondency,
And into the tenderness and sensitiveness of love's discipline,
Save and deliver us, O mighty Love!
(And we may continue according to the vision of ourselves which has been revealed.)

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There are times when we would rather do anything, go anywhere, than meet **Love** face to face. Perhaps this is one of them. His **reproach** is terrible to anticipate. His eyes.....How we loathe ourselves! Let us wait.....Perhaps by to-morrow we may have retrieved ourselves in some measure. It might be best to slip away.....

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Prayer: Come upon us, O Heavenly Spirit, and cleanse us thoroughly of all our sins, and open our hearts and minds to better things than those we have been cherishing, and to nobler ways of life than the paths in which we have been content to walk...Forgive us our sins and negligences, O Heavenly Spirit. Cease not Thy pleading with us; but when our love grows cold and our prayer and faith are dumb, and we fall into the sleep of selfish care, break in once more upon the darkness and void; waken and win us to Thy heavenly light, to know Thee as the Life of our deepest life, the Voice of our inmost conscience, the Strength of our surrendered will. Amen.

THE EPWORTH LEAGUE

G.H.S.

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T. R. D.

GEYLANG YOUNG PEOPLE'S CIRCLE

At the last Business meeting of the Geylang Young People's Circle held January 17, 1936 the following officers were elected for the first half year 1936:—

President:	Mr. Tan Wee Leong and
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TAIPING EPWORTH LEAGUE

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We tender our thanks to our former President, Mr. David Ling and our former Hon. Secretary Mr. Tan Keng Huat for their services rendered to our League, whose activities we shall never forget. We, all wish them success in their future career.

Y. C. Ooi.

TWELFTH MALAYA EPWORTH LEAGUE INSTITUTE

Tentative Programme April 14th to 18th, 1936

6:45 to 7:15 a.m.	Morning Watch.	Rev. Goh Hood Keng.
7:20 to 7:45 a.m.	Breakfast.	
8:00 to 8:40 a.m.	Bible Study.	**Rev. S. M. Thevathason. ** „ S. S. Pakianathan. ** „ R. A. Blasdell. ** „ P. L. Peach.
8:45 to 9:25 a.m.	His life and Ours. Christ and Communism. Things that are Caesar's.	**Mr. B. H. Baughman. **Mr. R. Kesselring. **Dr. P. B. Means. **Rev. E. S. Lau.
	Departmental Methods.	
9:30 to 10:10 a.m.	Sunday School. Junior League. Senior League. Drama & Pageant.	**Miss M. Gertsch. ** „ R. Sherwood. Mr. J. A. P. Oswald. „ Thio Gek Choo. „ Theodore Doraisamy. **Mrs. H. B. Amstutz. Miss L. Minter.
10:10 to 10:30 a.m.	Recess.	
10:30 to 11:10 a.m.	Lectures.	Mrs. C. Davies. **Dr. Chen Su Lan. Dr. Lim Han Hoe. Brigadier H. A. Lord.
11:25 to 1:00 p.m.	District and all Malayan Business Meeting.	
P.M. Games	Games.	
7:30 p.m.	Dinner.	

Every Evening Programme at 8:15 P.M.

Tuesday	Registration and Reception.
Wednesday	Lecture by Sir Ong Siang Song
Thursday	Concert.
Friday	Pageant and Musical Programmes.
Saturday Noon	Decision Meeting.

** These have given their kind consent to take charge of classes during the all Malayan Institute.

METHODIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETING

600 Attend In Singapore.

"Some Methodist Ideals" was the subject chosen for the Methodist Young People's Meeting in Singapore, Memorial Hall, on Monday evening January 6th when 600 attended.

The speakers were Miss Ong Nya Lay, of Nind Home, Singapore, Mr. V. D. Kuppusamy, of the Anglo-Chinese School, Ipoh, and the Rev. Burr H. Baughman, of the Anglo-Chinese School, Penang.

The subjects represented spiritual, mental and material problems: "Life as a Trust." "Education" and "The Use of Money."

Violin solos by Lida Langerveld, a song by Mr. Paul Verdayne and the organ prelude and postlude by Mr. A. E. Thornley Jones, were well appreciated.

This meeting was arranged under the auspices of the Union Committee of the Singapore Epworth Leagues.

Young Australians

36 Australian boys, with ages ranging from 11 to 21 years visited Singapore for a week January 18-25th as part of a tour organized by the Young Australian League. The local committee of entertainment under the auspices of the Singapore Rotary Club was greatly indebted to the services of the Rev. R. K. S. Adams, Honorary Secretary, and to Mr. R. Lyne, Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. The Young Australian League which has organized this tour has as its aim "Education by Travel" and has organized tours for over 23,000 boys to various parts of the world. This is the first time that the Australian League has visited Malaya.

Malacca Tamil Church

I Chronicles 12:22. *For at that time, day by day, there came to David to help him, until it was a great host, like the host of God.*

The substance of the text is, that David had been unusually fortunate in getting men of extraordinary courage and strength to be his helpers in strengthening his kingdom, men who came to him in great numbers from all sides.

Mr. David of Malacca has been likewise fortunate in having persons of musical talents come to him from all sides like the host of God to help him in his church work. Mrs. J. R. Jacob who plays the piano for the church worship, Mr. J. A. R. Wellington who plays the harmonium for the lyrical part of the service, have been all these years very faithful and admirably punctual in their duties. The famous Mr. Joshua Baruch who plays sweetly on his violin during the hymns conducts also our church choir on special occasions. Mr. M. P. Baruch our soloist sings often to the inspiration of the worshippers. Mrs. Balagopal who knows the science of Tamil music sings with her harmonium on important days. There are Miss Grace Ayathurai of Ipoh and Master of Richard Thambiah our Church School pianist and violinist respectively. In the last Children's Day Miss Joy Jasmin and Master Joab Jasper surprised the audience by giving a musical item, a piano and cornet duet. And the item that put the whole audience of that day into laughter was a tiny solo by a tiny baby of three years of age—baby S. Vadiveloo. And now Mrs. J. A. R. Wellington of Kuala Lumpur a soloist and pianist has come to join this host. Thanks be unto God who has made the cup of Malacca Tamil Church run over with music. The best thing that may be said of this host is that each one digs wells of comfort for the other creating opportunities first for others, esteeming the other better than himself. This is indeed a healthful sign.

OUR SCHOOLS

METHODIST GIRLS' SCHOOL CONCERT, SINGAPORE

The finest concert the Methodist Girls School of Singapore has given for several years was presented in the Victoria Theatre on December 11th and 12th. In addition to musical numbers and a physical drill by the Girls' Life Brigade there were two plays which received great praise.

"The Blackbird Pie" was a fantasy based on the Mother Goose rhyme, and greatly amused the large audience. All parts were well taken and the twenty-four primary girls who appeared as the blackbirds "baked in a pie" made a delightful ballet.

In contrast to the light humour of the first play "Why the Chimes Rang" struck a deeper note and gave opportunity for much fine acting. The story of a poor family on Christmas eve, and the boy who caused the Chimes to ring, was dramatic and inspiring. This young lad of a peasant's lowly hut discovered through his natural kindness of heart that Charity, divinely rendered was the perfect gift. The staging was particularly effective and the entire production one of which the Methodist Girls School has every right to be proud.

Miss Laurabelle Minter, who directed the plays and the girls who participated deserve unstinted praise for this exceptionally high standard of school dramatics.

Programme.

1. *School Song* — *School Choir.*
   Words and Music by Dr. J. S. Bridges.
2. *Play* — "The Blackbird Pie"
3. *Songs* a. "Hark, hark the Lark" *School Choir.*
   b. "Sigh no more, ladies"
   c. "The Shepherdess"
4. *Physical Training* — *G. L. B. Cadets.*
5. *Songs* — *Primary Children.*
6. *Community Singing*
7. *Play* — "Why the Chimes Rang"

NEW CONTRIBUTING EDITORS.

We take great pleasure in announcing the following contributing editors for the Malaysia Message for the coming year. Miss Dorothy Moreton, Principal, Anglo-Chinese Primary School, Penang, takes the place of Mrs. Duncan as Editor of the Children's Page. Miss Lila Corbett as Acting Secretary for Intermediate and Childrens Work will contribute articles in Religious Education to help fill the vacancy caused by Miss Ruth Harvey's furlough. Mr. G. S. Arumugum of Anglo-Chinese School, Klang, recently appointed Acting Secretary for Epworth League and Young Peoples' Work will edit the Epworth League Page. All Epworth Leagues kindly take note and send their contributions directly to Mr. Arumugum who will forward the material on to Singapore.

We are very happy to have the continued services of Mrs. Lora B. Peet and Mr. C. G. Jackson as our Art Editors who will continue to contribute cover designs each month. Also we are happy to have the services of Rev. H. B. Amstutz as Editor of a page on Meditations. Dr. W. T. Cherry will continue to edit the American Page.

For the School Page we are attempting an innovation in the form of the following sub-editors who are appointed for the year: Mr. Muara L. Tobing of the Methodist School, Palembang, for the Sumatra Schools, Mr. D. D. Chelliah, Anglo-Chinese School, Penang, for our schools in Perak and the northern Peninsula, Mr. Gurdial Singh of Anglo-Chinese School, Seremban, for Seremban, Kuala Lumpur and Klang, and Mr. Loh Hun Loong of Malacca for Malacca and Singapore. Will all our schools kindly take note and send their material to the sub-editors appointed for their particular district?

We take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation to the editors who are now retiring and wish them a happy furlough: Mrs. Vera Ostrom of of Sumatra, Miss Ruth Harvey, Mr. Ho Seng Ong, Mr. D. H. Yap and Mrs. H. S. Duncan. I am sure all the readers of the Malaysia Message want to express their appreciation of the work of these contributing editors and wish to extend to them heartiest wishes for a happy and restful furlough.

A.C.S. IPOH, FORTY YEARS OF PROGRESS

(The following article appeared recently in the Times of Malaya).

In May 1935 the Anglo-Chinese School, Ipoh, completed its fortieth year as an outstanding educational institution in Perak. It has been outstanding in length of service, numbers of graduates and the quality (scholastically and morally) of men produced. It is one of the oldest schools in the State, thus making it range high from the point of view of length of service. Of the numbers, there can be no doubt. One can hardly enter a shop or an office in Ipoh but what one finds an old boy of the school.

Scholastically, the school has had a steady, but sure, growth. It is interesting to note that during the last year the school attained its best record in the percentage of passes for both the Cambridge Classes. The certificates gained were good certificates as evidenced by the percentage passes in each subject given below.

School Certificate Exam. English 100 per cent. Religious Knowledge 96.5 per cent. English History 75.9 per cent. Geography 89.6 per cent. Elementary Mathematics 75.9 per cent. Additional Mathematics 100 per cent. Hygiene 89.6 per cent.

Junior Certificate Exam. Arithmetic 97.9 per cent. English Composition 95.9 per cent. English Literature 86 per cent. Gospel 97.9 per cent. Acts of the Apostles 100 per cent. English History 81.3 per cent. Geography 97.9 per cent. Geometry 93.9 per cent. Algebra 95.9 per cent. Additional Mathematics 84.2 per cent. Trigonometry 100 per cent. Hygiene with Elementary Physiology 97.9 per cent. Dictation 77.6 per cent.

High Moral Character.

The moral character of those educated in the A.C.S. is indicated by the fact that the compradores of the three banks in Ipoh are products of the school. In addition, one finds among the old boys outstanding doctors, lawyers, teachers, architects, business men, government officials, and members of many other professions and trades of high repute in the community. The reasons for the high attainment of the pupils passing through the school are:

1. The high quality of the missionary leadership.
2. The well-trained and efficient staff.
3. The continued backing of the community.
4. The type of work done by the A.C.C.S.
5. Government aid.

For the missionary leadership, one has only to refer to such men as Horley, Woods, Hinch and Proebstel. These were backed by many able assistants throughout the year.

Teachers have always been chosen for their interest in the boys as individuals as well as potential examination passers.

Ipoh's Support

From the very beginning, the Ipoh community has been at the back of the school in building programmes and other activities. These activities have helped the school develop its fine plant.

The aid of the Government has been wholehearted and sincere at all times. The financial aid and supervisory direction has been a great factor in building up the present prestige of the school.

A factor often overlooked by parents and the community in general is the place of the A.C.C.S.

The demands for English education cannot be met by our present government and aided schools. Where are these boys to go? There are no places in our government and aided schools for boys' who, through force of circumstances, are over 8 years of age or cannot produce evidence of birth year when they wish to commence their schooling. Where are these boys to go? In the government and aided schools there are no places for Chinese and Indian boys who have chosen careers in their own language yet who desire a working knowledge of English. Where can these learn to be more worthwhile citizens? Malays, who are bright after attending the Malay Schools from four to six years, are given scholarships in English schools, yet, subjects of the Sultan of Chinese and Indian extraction, after receiving a vernacular education, are not allowed to attend government or aided schools because they are then overage.

An Opportunity School.

The A.C.C.S. is an opportunity school for the various types of boys listed above. In addition, it definitely co-operates with the morning school to assist in giving better education. A boy who has found it impossible to keep up with his class in the A.C.S. because of health, home conditions or for other reasons is asked to join the A.C.C.S. Thus his whole attitude changes. Instead of being at the bottom of the class, he finds he is able to do work that puts him well up in the corresponding class of the A.C.C.S. This encourages him to do better work and if he puts in sufficient work to warrant it, he is again allowed to join his comrades in the A.C.S.

The A.C.C.S. teachers are all experienced teachers and having, as a rule, smaller classes they are able to give more individual instruction. This system of exchange has helped considerably to raise the standard of both the A.C.S. and A.C.C.S. Transfers are made at the end of each term according to the merits of the cases that arise. The emphasis in all classes is the building of worthwhile character as exemplified in the life and teachings of Christ.

OUR BOYS & GIRLS

D.E.E.M.

The Artist Who Forgot Four Colours.

Once upon a time a very beautiful church was being built. Before it was done the people said, "Now the time has come to get the very finest artist we can find to make a wonderful picture for our stained-glass window over the choir".

So they appointed a very wise committee to choose the artist and the subject of the picture. The committee decided on a picture which would tell the story of the song about Jesus and the children.

"I think when I read that sweet story of old,
When Jesus was here among men,
How he called little children as lambs to his fold—
I should like to have been with him then."

Now an artist paints on a great sheet of canvas that stands before him. In his hand he holds his palette, an oval piece of board with his little boxes of paint and brushes on it.

So the artist chosen by the committee began to paint. Day after day he painted, until he made what he knew was the very best picture he had ever done. He loved every inch of that canvas, for there was Jesus and all around him the happiest looking children you can imagine. Their mouths were open and you could almost hear them singing, "Glory! Glory! Glory be to God on High!

The artist was so pleased when his picture was finished. He sent word to the committee to come the next morning to see it. Then he went to bed, quite sure that the committee would be delighted with it. In the middle of the night he was quite sure he heard a little noise in the studio where his precious picture was. He listened—yes, he knew he heard sounds. So he got up and hurried in, and there he found a stranger with his thumb through the artist's palette, actually painting on the artist's picture!

The artist rushel up and cried, "Oh, stop, stop! You are ruining it. Oh look, you have spoiled it already and the committee is coming tomorrow morning.

The stranger turned calmly around and said, "When I came in the room I saw you had spoiled it yourself, so I am making it right. You have five colours on your palette. Why did you use only one colour for the faces of the little children? Who told you their faces were all white?"

The artist looked surprised as he tried to think. "Why, no one ever told me, sir, but I always thought of it that way."

The stranger smiled kindly. "But now, of course, you see how wrong you were. I have simply used three other colours and made some of the faces yellow and some brown, some red and some black. For these little ones have come from many lands in answer to my call".

"Your call?" asked the artist puzzled. "What call, Sir?"

The stranger's wonderful voice said softly, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

Then the artist knew that the stranger was the Lord Jesus, but he turned to find that the stranger was gone and that he was alone with the changed picture. He went closer to look at it and as he looked, he smiled happily. For with the white children were some little yellow children with slanting eyes and he knew that they were singing "Glory be to God on High" in Chinese. Next to them were quaint little brown children with great brown eyes, and then the black children, and last of all the little red children. They were all happy together.

But suddenly the artist awoke to find himself in bed with the morning sun coming in his window. He rushed into the studio. Sure enough, it was a dream, for there was a picture just as he had painted it, with all the faces white. "Oh, I must make my picture as beautiful as it was in the dream," he said. "I must hurry and fix it before the commitee comes."

So he took his brushes and set to work. Oh, how he worked to make the picture look just as the stranger had made it. One by one came the quaint little faces—yellow ones, brown ones, black ones, red ones, until the picture was just as he had dreamed it.

When the committee came they admired it very much. At last one quiet little mother said, "Why, it's just God's family at home with him." So God's family will always mean five colours to us.

(From "Missionary Stories for little Folks" adapted by Blanche Carrier.)

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Safety Zone for Bicycles

The Negro was being examined for a driver's license.

"And what is the white line in the middle of the road for?" he was asked.

"Fo' bicycles," was the reply.

—Prairie Farmer.

Big-Head Required

He was discussing his son and heir, whom he had recently taken into the business.

"Well, yes, he's shaping pretty well, but he has a long way to go before he'll have a head big enough to fit my shoes."

—Tit-Bits.

Music with a Motif

Three shop girls were enjoying a selection by the orchestra.

"Isn't it divine! Wonder what they're playing?" said Madge.

"It's the sextette from 'Lucia,'" announced Tillie positively.

"No, it's 'Tales of Hoffman,'" persisted Annabelle.

"I think that you are both wrong; but there's a card up there—I'll go and see for myself!" announced Madge. She came back triumphant.

"You're way off, girls? It's the 'Refrain from Spitting.'"

Little Martha had gone to church, and on her return home her mother asked her how she liked the singing. "All the people said it was bad," she replied.

"All the people said it was bad? What do you mean, dear?"

"Oh, it was so bad that when they were praying I heard them say, 'Lord, have mercy upon us miserable singers.'"

—Exchange.

When a certain mother first started giving her daughter piano lessons, the young lady, who had been free to roam the farm with her older brothers, was very restless. Finally she became so restless she could stand the lesson no longer and flatly stated, "I don't want to take piano lessons, Mother, I just want to live a good, Christian life."

"Sambo," said the magistrate reproachfully to the Negro before him, "I cannot conceive of a meaner, more cowardly act than yours of deserting your wife. Do you realize you are a deserter?"

"If you knowed dat lady as I does," replied Sambo, "you wouldn't call me a deserter. Ah is a refugee—dat's what Ah is."

From a recent letter to the Editor from Rev. Abel Eklund we quote the following paragraphs:—

"We are all well and are enjoying our furlough very much. We are living in Kingsburg, Calif. where Willis and Donald are in school, but I have been away on speaking tours most of the time since I arrived in U.S.A. Ruth has also done a great deal of speaking since she came home. I am enjoying a few weeks at home with the family this month, but after the holidays I expect to do some more travelling.

We have seen the Oldhams several times besides being present at the At Home in their honour on their 60th wedding anniversary. Mrs. Oldham is as young as ever, and the Bishop has been much stronger since he came to U.S.A. than he was while visiting Malaya. They are comfortably settled in the home of their friends the Andersons, formerly missionaries in India. We have also met the Oechslis and several other former Malayans.

In Los Angeles I interviewed a representative of the World Sunday School Congress to be held in Oslo, Norway, July 6-12th 1926, and he assured me that delegates from our Conference or field would be welcome to and given seats at the Congress. In case there are those who may be able to attend the Congress on their way to or from Malaya, it might be well to give them credentials as official delegates."

Honesty is the best policy and the most fun.

He who has lost confidence cannot lose more.

He who throws mud at another soils his own hands.

A good name shines like a candle in a dark night.

A man without principle never draws much interest.

The surest way to lose a friend is to try to deceive one.

MR. H. F. CLANCY, who has served the last four years on the staff of Anglo-Chinese School, Ipoh and Penang, sails on home leave from Penang, March 1st.

MISS MARY CHEN, Secretary Singapore Y.W.C.A. is sailing February 15th by the s.s. "Corfu" for six months' leave to China and Japan. She plans to return the middle of August.

Christmas at Klang

The festive season commenced with the Xmas pageant entitled "The Holy Quest" given by the Union Sunday School, on Monday 23rd at 6.30 p.m. at the Methodist Girls' School Hall under the direction of Mrs. Schmucker. The Hall was packed with children and parents.

Before the pageant Santa Claus arrived and distributed bags of sweets to all children present. Eighty-five children out of an enrolment of 172 received prizes for attendance.

On Christmas eve the Tamil Church Carolling party left the town to visit Kapar, ten miles away, and the adjoining estates. On arrival at Kapar we visited the A.C.S. where the children dressed in festive garbs, received us and entertained us to tea and light refreshments. They were most delighted to hear us sing and then we left to visit the homes of our members in the adjoining estates. On our return journey we called on our members in Bikit Raja Estate, four miles from Klang, and came into Klang town at about 9 p.m. It was not before 5 o'clock in the morning that we finished all the Tamil Christian homes and dispersed. Our total collection amounted to $51.00 which is a record for Klang.

At the Tamil Church Xmas service ten adults and ten children were baptised as a result of the work of our indefatigable pastor Rev. J. V. Ayadurai and his Catechist Gnandam. The church was fully packed and many had to remain outside. Our Xmas day collection alone amounted to $24.00 which was unexpected. More than sixty labourers who came with their families from estates ten and fifteen miles away were entertained to tiffin in the home of Mr. & Mrs. R. C. Levins by the Church for which the Ladies' Aid Society generously donated a good part of the expenses. (See photo).

The Tamil Church Sunday School which has an enrollment of 42 held its social and prize giving on the 27th. Every member of the Sunday school received a gift which was made possible by the donations received from the leading firms and shops in the town. Mr. R. M. Sinnathamby the Sunday School superintendent was mainly responsible. A pageant depicting the birth of Christ was very successfully staged in Tamil in the M.G.S. Hall which was crowded. There was a large number of non-Christians present. The singing was of a high standard due to the weekly training the members of the choir receive under the direction of our pastor Rev. J. V. Ayadurai.

The marriage of MISS DING PEE GING to DR. TAN KHENG TEONG was solemnized in Wesley Church, Kuala Lumpur, on Christmas Dap. They will make their home at Sungei Buloh where Dr. Tan is a member of the staff. Mrs. Tan is teaching in the M.G.S. Kuala Lumpur.

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